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The marriage rate fell from 7.7 in 1913 to 4.1 in 1915 and 1916, but rose in 1919 to 13.4, and in 1920 to 14.8, nearly twice that of 1913. In 1921 the rate decreased somewhat, but still remained much above the pre-war rate.

The birth rate fell in a similar manner during the war. In 1913 it was 28.3, and reached its lowest point, 14.4, in 1917. Unlike the marriage rate, however, the birth rate in 1921 had not reached the pre-war rate.

The death rate, which was 15.8 in 1913, rose to 22 in 1915, but had dropped to 14.8 in 1921, a figure somewhat lower than the pre-war rate.

The excess of births over deaths was 12.5 in 1913. During the four years 1915-1918, inclusive, the deaths exceeded the births, the greatest excess of deaths over births, 6.4, occurring in 1917. In 1921 the excess of births over deaths had not reached the excess recorded for 1913, although the marriage rates for 1919, 1920, and 1921 were considerably above the rate for 1913, the rate for 1920 being nearly twice that for 1913.

The figures in the following table represent the marriages, births, and deaths in 1920 and 1921 as compared with 1913, the figures for 1913 being taken as a base and represented as 100:

*Marriages, births, and deaths in Germany in 1920 and 1921 as compared with 1913.*

[The figures for 1920 and 1921 are in percentages of those for 1913, which are represented by 100.]

	1913	1920	1921
Marriages.....	100	190	155
Births.....	100	94	91.6
Deaths.....	100	101.3	93.7

### **DIVISION OF VENEREAL DISEASES, FISCAL YEAR 1922.**

#### **A SUMMARY OF CLINIC ACTIVITIES, AND THE NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED TO STATE BOARDS OF HEALTH DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1922.**

The volume of work performed by the clinics treating venereal diseases has increased during the fiscal year 1922. In 1921 there were 483 clinics operating under joint Federal and State control. In 1922 there are 542 clinics, including a number which are no longer receiving State or Federal assistance. A total of 141,279 new patients were admitted to these clinics in the fiscal year 1922, an increase of 531 over the number for 1921. The average number of new admissions per clinic in 1922, however, was 261, as compared with 318 in 1921, a decrease of 18 per cent.

A comparison of the number of patients discharged as noninfectious in 1921 and 1922 with the number of new admissions shows that a steadily increasing number of patients are continuing treatment until the noninfectious stage has been reached.

A summarized report of the clinic activities for the year 1922 is presented in Table I.

TABLE I.—*Summary of reports of clinics, including those operating under the joint control of the United States Public Health Service and the State boards of health, July 1, 1921–June 30, 1922.*

State.	Total number of clinics reporting.	Total number of reports received.	Patients admitted.				Patients discharged as non-infectious.	Treatments given.	Doses of arsenamine given.	Wassermann tests made.	Microscopic examinations (gonococcus).
			Total.	Syphilis.	Gonorrhea.	Chancroid.					
United States.....	541	5,397	141,279	74,649	60,954	5,676	60,169	2,045,232	509,523	298,486	192,745
Alabama.....	15	145	9,619	6,028	3,309	282	5,524	81,520	32,649	12,513	3,988
Arkansas.....	10	101	3,388	2,276	1,081	31	1,456	67,937	11,219	6,232	2,914
California.....	14	118	4,163	2,344	1,767	52	1,031	52,503	13,828	14,799	3,791
Colorado.....	8	85	1,486	660	775	51	929	27,944	5,217	2,536	2,870
Connecticut.....	6	72	1,046	467	549	30	729	22,560	4,485	2,434	1,978
Delaware.....	2	24	287	111	140	36	48	3,789	662	409	364
District of Columbia.....	1	12	294	230	63	1	2,132	1,164	285	69	72
Florida.....	14	100	3,600	2,534	867	199	1,530	15,761	11,006	5,400	692
Georgia.....	7	51	4,075	2,256	1,586	233	954	38,676	13,353	7,806	3,330
Illinois.....	28	297	9,152	3,945	4,896	311	3,878	120,911	29,213	17,221	12,938
Indiana.....	18	216	4,882	2,250	2,441	191	2,019	122,012	23,985	10,805	5,641
Iowa.....	11	119	1,403	733	655	15	1,077	23,633	7,654	3,119	2,360
Kansas.....	9	98	1,852	1,112	733	7	915	67,188	8,174	3,035	3,782
Kentucky.....	21	221	4,051	2,311	1,650	90	1,609	47,840	17,348	5,348	3,375
Louisiana.....	7	73	4,587	2,465	1,842	280	2,011	60,154	14,640	5,168	2,061
Maine.....	9	64	374	269	102	3	297	4,577	1,545	1,176	727
Maryland.....	9	73	2,660	972	1,584	104	761	20,838	8,062	4,597	3,571
Massachusetts.....	34	320	6,567	3,615	2,936	16	1,733	133,578	42,361	20,816	18,092
Michigan.....	20	222	6,446	3,330	3,072	44	2,361	138,175	18,944	21,774	27,703
Minnesota.....	7	62	1,126	489	634	3	570	24,141	6,976	2,049	1,397
Mississippi.....	8	62	2,686	1,603	819	198	1,724	14,886	6,691	2,833	2,150
Missouri.....	19	202	9,121	3,616	4,859	646	3,174	123,235	14,652	18,261	7,776
Montana.....	2	23	63	27	36	.....	37	555	288	39	79
Nebraska.....	8	84	1,262	593	590	109	332	28,578	5,495	3,597	3,657
New Hampshire.....	5	49	307	163	138	6	49	8,781	2,044	732	371
New Jersey.....	21	214	3,715	1,895	1,788	32	1,757	58,590	12,666	9,540	3,983
New Mexico.....	2	18	127	69	57	1	51	649	306	188	101
New York.....	44	476	5,178	2,914	2,169	95	3,223	102,534	31,797	10,112	6,440
North Carolina.....	9	86	1,894	1,210	581	103	905	13,919	8,530	3,512	833
North Dakota.....	3	30	88	37	50	1	82	1,242	587	361	413
Ohio.....	39	308	11,093	5,691	4,855	537	3,544	153,514	29,051	21,588	13,961
Oklahoma.....	5	46	935	559	323	53	686	7,076	2,950	1,163	906
Oregon.....	1	12	554	316	233	5	79	4,069	727	1,103	821
Pennsylvania.....	50	463	5,910	3,123	2,708	79	1,637	84,329	25,692	14,631	5,012
Rhode Island.....	7	76	844	460	379	5	161	13,285	6,637	4,767	1,853
South Carolina.....	8	76	5,508	2,285	2,799	424	2,069	91,509	22,135	7,357	8,401
South Dakota.....	3	25	66	33	31	2	37	551	216	115	108
Tennessee.....	8	89	5,414	3,302	1,725	387	2,201	74,189	17,174	16,976	9,599
Texas.....	9	85	7,839	4,086	2,967	736	5,112	95,405	18,311	9,522	9,414
Utah.....	3	25	374	134	213	27	162	7,628	1,774	749	1,040
Vermont.....	4	42	151	116	34	1	169	2,574	1,252	329	121
Virginia.....	13	124	4,388	2,612	1,594	182	2,431	52,427	17,657	11,726	5,024
Washington.....	3	34	1,095	531	557	7	535	20,882	4,733	5,733	5,182
West Virginia.....	3	22	449	339	106	4	272	1,920	2,470	552	192
Wisconsin.....	13	151	1,061	425	631	5	270	5,712	4,061	4,988	3,351
Wyoming.....	1	12	99	47	50	2	37	1,394	235	390	309

The number of cases of venereal diseases reported to State boards of health for the year 1922 was 337,184, a decrease of 97,520, or 22.4 per cent from the number reported in 1921. Cases of syphilis reported have decreased 19.7 per cent, of gonorrhea 24.6 per cent, of chancroid 34.2 per cent. Again more cases of syphilis than of gonorrhea have been reported.

Table II shows the number of cases reported to State boards of health for 1922.

TABLE II.—Cases of venereal diseases reported to State boards of health, July 1, 1921–June 30, 1922.

State.	Total.	Syphilis.	Gonorrhea.	Chancroid.
United States.....	337,184	174,899	153,326	8,959
Alabama.....	11,753	7,181	4,244	328
Arizona.....	192	90	97	5
Arkansas.....	10,079	5,377	4,560	142
California.....	8,049	4,171	3,878	.....
Colorado.....	3,359	1,173	2,065	121
Connecticut.....	2,335	1,591	744	(1)
Delaware.....	1,088	484	478	76
District of Columbia <sup>2</sup> .....	294	230	63	1
Florida.....	4,108	2,068	1,796	245
Georgia.....	9,759	4,908	4,483	368
Idaho.....	391	138	244	9
Illinois.....	15,871	6,129	9,458	284
Indiana.....	5,178	2,682	2,422	74
Iowa.....	3,007	906	2,043	58
Kansas.....	2,845	1,278	1,526	41
Kentucky.....	29,379	19,735	9,277	367
Louisiana.....	7,844	3,788	3,464	592
Maine.....	1,549	618	920	11
Maryland.....	4,096	1,920	2,065	111
Massachusetts.....	9,311	3,049	6,258	4
Michigan.....	16,249	7,105	9,038	106
Minnesota.....	7,732	3,196	4,442	94
Mississippi.....	3,111	1,754	1,138	219
Missouri.....	11,833	4,977	6,073	843
Montana.....	803	371	432	.....
Nebraska.....	5,170	1,547	3,376	247
Nevada <sup>3</sup> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	734	299	431	4
New Jersey.....	5,530	3,015	2,428	87
New Mexico.....	375	119	250	6
New York.....	33,358	23,718	9,598	42
North Carolina.....	7,494	3,534	3,702	258
North Dakota.....	840	231	593	16
Ohio.....	11,093	5,691	4,865	537
Oklahoma.....	2,133	1,032	982	119
Oregon.....	2,274	750	1,478	46
Pennsylvania.....	10,083	5,885	4,095	103
Rhode Island.....	11,193	7,651	3,526	16
South Carolina.....	7,075	3,004	3,638	433
South Dakota.....	838	292	526	20
Tennessee.....	7,562	3,909	3,204	449
Texas.....	42,060	21,025	19,100	1,935
Utah.....	719	189	510	20
Vermont.....	682	306	376	.....
Virginia.....	4,990	2,627	2,173	190
Washington <sup>2</sup> .....	1,095	531	557	7
West Virginia.....	8,136	3,951	3,898	287
Wisconsin.....	2,903	510	2,373	20
Wyoming.....	621	164	439	18

<sup>1</sup> Included in syphilis.<sup>2</sup> From clinical reports.<sup>3</sup> Not reporting.

## DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 16, 1922.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended September 16, 1922, and corresponding week 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, September 19, 1922, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Sept. 16, 1922.	Corresponding week 1921.
Policies in force.....	50,560,741	47,592,718
Number of death claims.....	7,850	7,738
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	8.1	8.5